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SUBJECT: SOVIET ORAL STATEMENT ON BUNDESTAG
MEETING IN W. BERLIN

1. DEPUTY CHIEF OF MFA USA DIVISION MIKHAILOV
SUMMONED CHARGE JAN 2 AND, IN CORDIAL TONE,
PRESENTED ORAL STATEMENT ON PROPOSED MEETING OF
BUNDESTAG PRESIDUM AND COUNCIL OF ELDERS IN BERLIN
THIS MONTH. BRITISH AND FRENCH AMBSSADOR WERE TO
RECEIVE SIMILAR STATEMENT LATER IN THE DAY. BRITISH
INFORMED US THAT FRG ALSO GIVEN STATEMENT EMBASSY'S
TRANSLATION OF STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT. ACCORDING TO AVAILABLE REPORTS, THE
PRESIDIUM AND COUNCIL OF ELDERS OF THE BUNDESTAG OF
THE FRG INTEND TO CONDUCT THEIR JOINT EXPANDED SESSION
IN JANUARY 1974 IN WEST BERLIN. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE
SOVIET SIDE WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING.

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THE SESSION OF THE PRESIDUM AND COUNCIL OF

ELDERS OF THE BUNDESTAG IN WEST BERLIN WOULD BE, IF IT SHOULD OCCUR, A VIOLATION OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971. THE AGREEMENT DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF SESSIONS IN WEST BERLIN OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE BUDESTAG AND ITS COUNCIL OF ELDERS, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE TASK OF THESE BODIES INCLUDES CONSIDERATION OF PURELY INTRA-PARLIAMENTARY WORK OF THE BUNDESTAG, WHICH IS ENTIRELY UNRELATED TO LINKS WITH WEST BERLIN.

IN ADDITION, HOLDING A SESSION OF THE AFORE-MENTIONED BODUES IN WEST BERLIN PRESUPPOSES THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE BUDESTAG WILL EXECUTE HIS (SIC) OFFICIAL CONSTITUTIONAL FUNCTIONS (ARTICLE 40 OF THE BASIC LAW OF THE FRG, RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE BUNDESTAG DATED MAY 22, 1970, SECTION III), WHICH IS ALSO INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE PROVISION OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT (ANNEX II, PAR. 2) PROHIBITING STATE BODIES AND OFFICIALS OF THE FRG FROM PERFORMING CONSTITUTIONAL OR OFFICIAL ACTS IN WEST BERLIN.

GUIDED BY THE INTERESTS OF STRICT AND ABOSLUTE OBSERVANCE OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT, AS WELL AS BY A STRIVING TO AVOID UNNECESSARY FRICTIONS, THE SOVIET SIDE EXPECTS THAT ON THE PART OF THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF THEUSA APPROPRIATE MEASURE WILL BE TAKEN TO PREVENT THE SESSION OF THE AFORESAID PARLIAMENTARY BODIES OF THE FRG IN WEST BERLIN.
END TEXT.SOMMERLATTE

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